In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the paragraph found on page 47, lines 19-23 page 48, lines 1-21:

Additionally, one or more polymeric materials may be included in the coatable composition to add or enhance the features of the protein matrix device. For example, one or more polymeric materials that degrades slowly may be incorporated into an embodiment of the protein matrix device that degrades in order to provide controllable release of a pharmacologically active agent that is also incorporated into the protein matrix device. That is, while a protein matrix device that includes a relatively fast degrading protein material without a particular polymeric material will readily degrade thereby releasing drug relatively quickly upon insertion or implantation, a protein matrix device that includes a particular polymeric material, such as polyanhydride, will degrade slowly, as well as release the pharmacologically active agent(s) over a longer period of time. Examples of biodegradable and/or biocompatible polymeric materials suitable for use in the protein matrix device of the present invention include, but are not limited to epoxies, polyesters, acrylics, nylons, silicones, polyanhydride, polyurethane, polycarbonate, poly(tetrafluoroethylene) (PTFE), polycaprolactone, polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, poly(vinyl chloride), polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polypropylene oxide, poly(akylene)glycol, polyoxyethylene, sebacic acid polymers, polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate (HEMA) polymers, polymethyl methacrylate, 1,3 bis(carboxyphenoxy)propane polymers, lipids, phosphatidylcholine, triglycerides, polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB), polyhydroxyvalerate (PHV), poly(ethylene oxide) (PEO), poly ortho esters, poly (amino acids), polycyanoacrylates ~~polycynoacrylates~~, polyphophazenes, polysulfone, polyamine, poly (amido amines), fibrin, graphite, flexible fluoropolymer, isobutyl-based polymers, isopropyl styrene polymers, vinyl pyrrolidone polymers, cellulose acetate dibutyrate, silicone rubber, copolymers of these, and the like. Other materials that may be incorporated into the matrix that are not considered polymers, but provide enhanced features include, but are not limited to, ceramics, bioceramics, glasses bioglasses, glass-ceramics, resin cement, resin fill; more specifically, glass ionomer, hydroxyapatite, calcium sulfate, Al2O3, tricalcium phosphate, calcium phosphate salts, alginate and carbon.